

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PRINCETON DIGITAL IMAGE CORP.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-238 (LPS)
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v.)	
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DELL INC.,)	Judge Leonard P. Stark
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Defendant.)	
_____)	

[PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER

This ____ day of August, 2014, the Court having ordered that the parties shall confer regarding proposed dates in the scheduling order and submit a proposal to the Court no later than August 11, 2014 pursuant to Local Rule 16.2(a) and Judge Stark's Revised Procedures for Managing Patent Cases (which is posted at <http://www.ded.uscourts.gov>; see Chambers, Judge Leonard P. Stark, Patent Cases) on July 28, 2014, and the parties having determined after discussion that the matter cannot be resolved at this juncture by settlement, voluntary mediation, or binding arbitration;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures and E-Discovery Default Standard. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the parties shall make their initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) **within ten (10) days of the date of this Order**. If they have not already done so, the parties are to review the Court's Default Standard for Discovery, Including Discovery of Electronically Stored Information ("ESI") (which is posted at <http://www.ded.uscourts.gov>; see Other Resources, Default Standards for Discovery, and is incorporated herein by reference). No later than **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of this Order,

the parties shall meet and confer regarding appropriate standards for electronic discovery in this case.

2. Joinder of Other Parties and Amendment of Pleadings. All motions to join other parties, and to amend or supplement the pleadings, shall be filed on or before **March 13, 2015**.

3. Application to Court for Protective Order. Should counsel find it will be necessary to apply to the Court for a protective order specifying terms and conditions for the disclosure of confidential information, counsel should confer and attempt to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order and submit it to the Court **within fourteen days (14) days from the date of this Order**. Should counsel be unable to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order, counsel must follow the provisions of Paragraph 8(g) below.

Any proposed protective order must include the following paragraph:

Other Proceedings. By entering this order and limiting the disclosure of information in this case, the Court does not intend to preclude another court from finding that information may be relevant and subject to disclosure in another case. Any person or party subject to this order who becomes subject to a motion to disclose another party's information designated "confidential" [the parties should list any other level of designation, such as "highly confidential," which may be provided for in the protective order] pursuant to this order shall promptly notify that party of the motion so that the party may have an opportunity to appear and be heard on whether that information should be disclosed.

4. Papers Filed Under Seal. In accordance with section G of the Administrative Procedures Governing Filing and Service by Electronic Means, a redacted version of any sealed document shall be filed electronically within seven (7) days of the filing of the sealed document.

Should any party intend to request to seal or redact all or any portion of a transcript of a court proceeding (including a teleconference), such party should expressly note that intent at the

start of the court proceeding. Should the party subsequently choose to make a request for sealing or redaction, it must, promptly after the completion of the transcript, file with the Court a motion for sealing/redaction, and include as attachments (1) a copy of the complete transcript highlighted so the Court can easily identify and read the text proposed to be sealed/redacted, and (2) a copy of the proposed redacted/sealed transcript. With their request, the party seeking redactions must demonstrate why there is good cause for the redactions and why disclosure of the redacted material would work a clearly defined and serious injury to the party seeking redaction.

5. Courtesy Copies. Other than with respect to “discovery matters,” which are governed by paragraph 8(g), and the final pretrial order, which is governed by paragraph 20, the parties shall provide to the Court two (2) courtesy copies of all briefs and one (1) courtesy copy of any other document filed in support of any briefs (i.e., appendices, exhibits, declarations, affidavits etc.). This provision also applies to papers filed under seal.

6. ADR Process. This matter is referred to a magistrate judge to explore the possibility of alternative dispute resolution.

7. Disclosures. Absent agreement among the parties, and approval of the Court:

a. By **September 22, 2014**, Plaintiff shall identify the accused product(s), including accused methods and systems, as well as the asserted patent(s) that the accused product(s) allegedly infringe(s). Plaintiff shall also produce the file history for each asserted patent.

b. By **November 17, 2014**, Defendant shall produce core technical documents related to the accused product(s), sufficient to show how the accused product(s) work(s), including but not limited to non-publicly available operation manuals, product literature, schematics, and specifications.

c. By **January 9, 2015**, Plaintiff shall produce an initial claim chart relating each known accused product to the asserted claims each such product allegedly infringes.

d. By **February 16, 2015**, Defendant shall produce its initial invalidity contentions for each asserted claim, as well as the known related invalidating references.

e. By **May 27, 2015**, Plaintiff shall provide final infringement contentions.

f. By **June 19, 2015**, Defendant shall provide final invalidity contentions.

8. Discovery. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the limitations on discovery set forth in Local Rule 26.1 shall be strictly observed.

a. Early discovery concerning laches.

Defendant's Position: During oral arguments on January 3, 2014 on Defendant's motion to dismiss on laches, the Court encouraged the parties to set an early summary judgment phase on laches preceded by whatever discovery was necessary to support such summary judgment motions. To support summary judgment motions on laches, the parties will complete party and third party discovery related to the issue of laches by **October 27, 2014**.

Plaintiff's Position: No early deadline for laches discovery is appropriate in view of the Court's Order [D.I. 22] denying Defendant Dell's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff Princeton Digital Image Corporation's Complaint for Patent Infringement [D.I. 7].

b. Early Discovery Concerning Images

Plaintiff's Position: During discussions between the parties, Defendant represented that many or most of the images used on Defendant's websites are in the possession of third-parties and are subject to destruction outside the control of the Defendant. The metadata and other information associated with Defendant's

website images comprise crucial evidence of infringement in this case. To protect this evidence, within two weeks of the date this Order is signed, the Defendant will provide to Plaintiff a list of all third parties in possession or control of images used on Defendant's websites between during the year 2007, and Defendants will also identify such images used by it with specificity in order to assist Plaintiff to identify to the third-parties the documents and evidence to be preserved and produced in discovery in this case. Also within two weeks of the date this Order is signed, Defendants will direct Internet Archive (the "Wayback Machine") to remove the "robots.txt" and any other website owner imposed limitations on all of Defendant's websites.

Defendant's Position: Defendant opposes Plaintiff's proposal as both unnecessary and inappropriate for inclusion in a Scheduling Order, and denies that it has made any representations as to whether any images or materials "are subject to destruction outside the control of the Defendant." Plaintiff's proposal is unreasonable on its face and would essentially amount to Rule 37 discovery Order without any demonstrated cause, conference, or opportunity to be heard. Plaintiff seeks information pertaining to third parties from 2007, which is the only period of time at issue in this litigation. After seven years, such information may no longer be available to Defendant. In addition, Defendant does not control the actions of third-party websites such as the "Wayback Machine" and cannot necessarily direct these websites to take any actions. Plaintiff raised this subject with Defendant for the first time during the parties' meet and confer on the Proposed Scheduling Order on August 8, 2014. Plaintiff did not request a

response from Defendant and apparently only raised it for informational purposes.

If Plaintiff has such a concern then Plaintiff should make an appropriate request, and, if necessary, follow this Court's discovery practices, which includes providing an opportunity for the Defendant to address the topic.

c. Discovery Cut Off. All fact discovery in this case shall be initiated so that it will be completed on or before **November 16, 2015**.

d. Document Production. Document production shall be substantially complete by **July 20, 2015, not including production of email**, which will be governed by the parties' eDiscovery Order to be negotiated as set forth in paragraph 1.

e. Requests for Admission. Plaintiff is permitted up to seventy-five (75) Requests for Admission. Defendant may serve up to seventy-five (75) Requests for Admission on Plaintiff. There shall be no limit, however, on the number of requests for admission that the parties may serve directed solely to the authentication of documents and things. The parties are required to meet and confer in good faith prior to serving any requests for admissions directed solely to the authentication of documents and things to determine whether the requests are necessary and/or reasonable.

f. Interrogatories.

i. Defendant's Position: Plaintiff is permitted twenty-five (25) interrogatories to Defendant, including contention interrogatories. Defendant may serve up to twenty-five (25) interrogatories to Plaintiff, including contention interrogatories.

Plaintiff's Position: Plaintiff is permitted thirty-five (35) interrogatories to Defendant, including contention interrogatories. Defendant may serve up to thirty-five (35) interrogatories to Plaintiff, including contention interrogatories.

ii. The Court encourages the parties to serve and respond to contention interrogatories early in the case. In the absence of agreement among the parties, contention interrogatories, if filed, shall first be addressed by the party with the burden of proof. The adequacy of all interrogatory answers shall be judged by the level of detail each party provides; i.e., the more detail a party provides, the more detail a party shall receive.

g. Depositions.

i. Limitation on Hours for Deposition Discovery. Defendant and Plaintiff may each take a maximum of 35 hours of fact depositions (including 30(b)(6) and 30(b)(1) depositions).

ii. Other Agreements Regarding Deposition Discovery. Each fact deposition is limited to a maximum of seven (7) consecutive hours unless extended by agreement of the parties. The deposition of any individual designated to testify in response to a 30(b)(6) deposition notice shall be limited to a maximum of seven hours unless extended by agreement of the parties. Each party reserves the right to seek an adjustment of these time limits based upon changes to the scope of discovery. These provisions, further, may be amended by agreement of the parties or upon order of the Court upon good cause shown. Third party depositions, including depositions of the named inventor in his personal capacity, will not count toward the limitations in subparagraph (i), nor will expert depositions.

iii. Location of Depositions. In this case, the presumption shall be that the deposition will take place at a location near the witness, although witnesses located abroad shall be made available in the United States. Exceptions to this general rule may be made by order of the Court. A defendant who becomes a counterclaimant, cross-claimant, or third-party plaintiff shall be considered as having filed an action in this Court for the purpose of this provision.

h. Disclosure of Expert Testimony.

i. Expert Reports. For the party who has the initial burden of proof on the subject matter, the initial Federal Rule 26(a)(2) disclosure of expert testimony is due on or before **60 days after issuance of the *Markman* Order**. The supplemental disclosure to contradict or rebut evidence on the same matter identified by another party is due on or before **30 days after opening reports**. Reply expert reports from the party with the initial burden of proof are due on or before **60 days after opening reports**. No other expert reports will be permitted without either the consent of all parties or leave of the Court. Along with the submissions of the expert reports, the parties shall advise of the dates and times of their experts' availability for deposition. The parties will confer in good faith and attempt to reach an agreement regarding reasonable limits on the length of expert depositions. Expert depositions shall be completed by **45 days after reply reports**.

ii. Expert Report Supplementation. The parties agree they will permit expert declarations to be filed in connection with motions briefing (including case-dispositive motions).

iii. Objections to Expert Testimony. To the extent any objection to expert testimony is made pursuant to the principles announced in *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993), as incorporated in Federal Rule of Evidence 702, it shall be made by motion no later than the deadline for dispositive motions set forth herein, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Briefing on such motions is subject to the page limits set out in connection with briefing of case dispositive motions.

i. Discovery Matters and Disputes Relating to Protective Orders.

i. Any discovery motion filed without first complying with the

following procedures will be denied without prejudice to renew pursuant to these procedures.

ii. Should counsel find, after good faith efforts including verbal communication among Delaware and Lead Counsel for the parties to the dispute -that they are unable to resolve a discovery matter or a dispute relating to a protective order, the parties shall submit a joint letter in substantially the following form:

Dear Judge Stark:

The parties in the above- referenced matter write to request the scheduling of a discovery teleconference.

The following attorneys, including at least one Delaware Counsel and at least one Lead Counsel per party, participated in a verbal meet-and-confer (in person and/or by telephone) on the following date(s):

Delaware Counsel: _____

Lead Counsel: _____

The disputes requiring judicial attention are listed below:

[provide here a non-argumentative list of disputes requiring judicial attention]

iii. On a date to be set by separate order, generally not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the conference, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, outlining the issues in dispute and its position on those issues. On a date to be set by separate order, but generally not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the conference, the party opposing the application for relief may file a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, outlining that party's reasons for its opposition.

iv. Each party shall submit two (2) courtesy copies of its discovery letter and any attachments.

v. Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the Court will order it. Alternatively, the Court may choose to resolve the dispute prior to the telephone conference and will, in that event, cancel the conference.

9. Motions to Amend.

a. Any motion to amend (including a motion for leave to amend) a pleading shall **NOT** be accompanied by an opening brief but shall, instead, be accompanied by a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, describing the basis for the requested relief, and shall attach the proposed amended pleading as well as a “blackline” comparison to the prior pleading.

b. Within seven (7) days after the filing of a motion in compliance with this Order, the party opposing such a motion shall file a responsive letter, not to exceed five (5) pages.

c. Within three (3) days thereafter, the moving party may file a reply letter, not to exceed two (2) pages, and, by this same date, the parties shall file a letter requesting a teleconference to address the motion to amend.

10. Motions to Strike.

a. Any motion to strike any pleading or other document shall NOT be accompanied by an opening brief but shall, instead, be accompanied by a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, describing the basis for the requested relief, and shall attach the document to be stricken.

b. Within seven (7) days after the filing of a motion in compliance with this Order, the party opposing such a motion shall file a responsive letter, not to exceed five (5) pages.

c. Within three (3) days thereafter, the moving party may file a reply letter, not to exceed two (2) pages, and, by this same date, the parties shall file a letter requesting a

teleconference to address the motion to strike.

11. Tutorial Describing the Technology and Matters in Issue. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties shall provide the Court, no later than the date on which their opening claim construction briefs are due, a tutorial on the technology at issue. In that regard, the parties may separately or jointly submit a DVD of not more than thirty (30) minutes. The tutorial should focus on the technology in issue and should not be used for argument. The parties may choose to file their tutorial(s) under seal, subject to any protective order in effect. Each party may comment, in writing (in no more than five (5) pages) on the opposing party's tutorial. Any such comment shall be filed no later than the date on which the answering claim construction briefs are due. As to the format selected, the parties should confirm the Court's technical abilities to access the information contained in the tutorial (currently best are "mpeg" or "quicktime").

12. Claim Construction Issue Identification. On **May 18, 2015**, the parties shall exchange a list of those claim term(s)/phrase(s) that they believe need construction. On **June 8, 2015**, the parties shall exchange their proposed claim construction of those term(s)/phrase(s). This document will not be filed with the Court. Subsequent to exchanging that list, the parties will meet and confer to prepare a Joint Claim Construction Chart to be submitted on **June 29, 2015**. The parties' Joint Claim Construction Chart should identify for the Court the term(s)/phrase(s) of the claim(s) in issue, and should include each party's proposed construction of the disputed claim language with citation(s) only to the intrinsic evidence in support of their respective proposed constructions. A copy of the patent(s) in issue as well as those portions of the intrinsic record relied upon shall be submitted with this Joint Claim Construction Chart. In this joint submission, the parties shall not provide argument.

13. Claim Construction Briefing. The parties shall contemporaneously submit initial

briefs on claim construction issues on **July 27, 2015**. The parties' answering/responsive briefs shall be contemporaneously submitted on **August 24, 2015**. No reply briefs or supplemental papers on claim construction shall be submitted without leave of the Court. Local Rule 7.1.3(4) shall control the page limitations for initial (opening) and responsive (answering) briefs.

14. Hearing on Claim Construction. Beginning at **10:00 am on September 21, 2015**, the Court will hear argument on claim construction. The parties shall notify the Court, by joint letter submission, no later than the date on which their answering claim construction briefs are due: (i) whether they request leave to present testimony at the hearing; and (ii) the amount of time they are requesting be allocated to them for the hearing. Provided that the parties comply with all portions of this Scheduling Order, and any other orders of the Court, the parties should anticipate that the Court will issue its claim construction order within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the claim construction hearing. If the Court is unable to meet this goal, it will advise the parties no later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the claim construction hearing.

15. Interim Status Report. On **April 20, 2015**, counsel shall submit a joint letter to the Court with an interim report on the nature of the matters in issue and the progress of discovery to date. Thereafter, if the Court deems it necessary, it will schedule a status conference.

16. Supplementation. Absent agreement among the parties, and approval of the Court, no later than **May 13, 2015**, the parties must finally supplement, inter alia, the identification of all accused products and of all invalidity references.

17. Case Dispositive Motions. All case dispositive motions, an opening brief, and affidavits, if any, in support of the motion shall be served and filed on or before **195 days after the Court's Markman Order**. Briefing will be presented pursuant to the Court's Local Rules, as modified by this Order.

a. Dispositive motions related to laches.

Plaintiffs' Position: No special laches briefing is necessary; all case dispositive motions may be filed on or before 195 days after the Court's *Markman* Order.

Defendants' Position: The parties may file dispositive motions related solely to the issue of laches by **November 24, 2014**. Opposition and reply briefs should be filed in accordance with the Local Rules.

b. No early motions without leave. With the exception of the motions provided for in subparagraph (a), no case dispositive motion under Rule 56 may be filed more than ten (10) days before the above date without leave of the Court.

c. Page limits combined with Daubert motion page limits. Each party is permitted to file as many case dispositive motions as desired; provided, however, that each party will be limited to a combined total of 50 pages for all opening briefs, a combined total of 50 pages for all answering briefs, and a combined total of 25 pages for all reply briefs regardless of the number of case dispositive motions that are filed. In the event that a party files, in addition to a case dispositive motion, a Daubert motion to exclude or preclude all or any portion of an expert's testimony, the total amount of pages permitted for all case dispositive and Daubert motions shall be increased to 60 pages for all opening briefs, 60 pages for all answering briefs, and 30 pages for all reply briefs for each party.

d. Hearing. The Court will hear argument on all other pending case dispositive and Daubert motions on **July 18, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Subject to further order of the Court, each party will be allocated a total of forty-five (45) minutes to present its argument on all pending motions.

Defendant's Position: The Court will hear argument on any dispositive motions related to laches on **January 21, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

Plaintiff's Position: No special laches briefing is necessary; all case dispositive motions may be filed on or before **July 18, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

18. **Applications by Motion.** Except as otherwise specified herein, any application to the Court shall be by written motion filed with the Clerk. Any non-dispositive motion should contain the statement required by Local Rule 7.1.1.

19. **Pretrial Conference.** On **September 26, 2016**, the Court will hold a pretrial conference in Court with counsel beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties should assume that filing the pretrial order satisfies the pretrial disclosure requirement of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3). The parties shall file with the Court the joint proposed final pretrial order with the information required by the form of Revised Final Pretrial Order - Patent, which can be found on the Court's website (www.ded.uscourts.gov), on or before **September 16, 2016**. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties shall comply with the timeframes set forth in Local Rule 16.3(d)(1)-(3) for the preparation of the joint proposed final pretrial order.

The parties shall provide the Court two (2) courtesy copies of the joint proposed final pretrial order and all attachments.

As noted in the Revised Final Pretrial Order - Patent, the parties shall include in their joint proposed final pretrial order, among other things:

a. **a request for a specific number of hours for their trial presentations**, as well as a requested number of days, based on the assumption that in a typical jury trial day (in which there is not jury selection, jury instruction, or deliberations), there will be 5 ½ to 6 ½ hours of trial

time, and in a typical bench trial day there will be 6 to 7 hours of trial time;

b. their position as to whether the Court should allow objections to efforts to impeach a witness with prior testimony, including objections based on lack of completeness and/or lack of inconsistency;

c. their position as to whether the Court should rule at trial on objections to expert testimony as beyond the scope of prior expert disclosures, taking time from the parties' trial presentation to argue and decide such objections, or defer ruling on all such objections unless renewed in writing following trial, subject to the proviso that a party prevailing on such a post-trial objection will be entitled to have all of its costs associated with a new trial paid for by the party that elicited the improper expert testimony at the earlier trial; and

d. their position as to how to make motions for judgment as a matter of law, whether it be immediately at the appropriate point during trial or at a subsequent break, whether the jury should be in or out of the courtroom, and whether such motions may be supplemented in writing.

20. Motions in Limine. Motions *in limine* shall not be separately filed. All *in limine* requests and responses thereto shall be set forth in the proposed pretrial order. Each party shall be limited to three (3) *in limine* requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court. The *in limine* request and any response shall contain the authorities relied upon; each *in limine* request may be supported by a maximum of three (3) pages of argument and may be opposed by a maximum of three (3) pages of argument, and the party making the *in limine* request may add a maximum of one (1) additional page in reply in support of its request. If more than one party is supporting or opposing an *in limine* request, such support or opposition shall be combined in a single three (3) page submission (and, if the moving party, a single one (1) page reply), unless otherwise ordered

by the Court. No separate briefing shall be submitted on *in limine* requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court.

21. Jury Instructions, Voir Dire, and Special Verdict Forms. Where a case is to be tried to a jury, pursuant to Local Rules 47 and 51 the parties should file (i) proposed voir dire, (ii) preliminary jury instructions, (iii) final jury instructions, and (iv) special verdict forms three (3) business days before the final pretrial conference. This submission shall be accompanied by a courtesy copy containing electronic files of these documents, in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format, which may be submitted by e-mail to Judge Stark's staff.

22. Trial. This matter is scheduled for a 5-day jury trial beginning at 9:30 a.m. on **October 24, 2016**. Until the case is submitted to the jury for deliberations, the jury will be excused each day at 4:30 p.m. The trial will be timed, as counsel will be allocated a total number of hours in which to present their respective cases.

23. Judgment on Verdict and Post-Trial Status Report. Within seven (7) days after a jury returns a verdict in any portion of a jury trial, the parties shall jointly submit a form of order to enter judgment on the verdict. At the same time, the parties shall submit a joint status report, indicating among other things how the case should proceed and listing any post-trial motions each party intends to file.

24. Post-Trial Motions. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all **SIDES** are limited to a maximum of 20 pages of opening briefs, 20 pages of answering briefs, and 10 pages of reply briefs relating to any post-trial motions filed by that party per trial, no matter how many such motions are filed.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE